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Via: (1) Office of Naval Intelligence, attention Capt. H. W. Baltazzi
(2) Office of Strategic Services, attention Dr. Langer.

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